

REMARKS

Upon further review of the Amendment filed December 18, 2006, in the above-identified application, the following error was found. Thus, it is noted that claim 167 is dependent on claim 160. However, note that claim 160 was cancelled in the Amendment filed December 18, 2006, responsive to the Office Action mailed October 16, 2006.

In order to provide a complete claim 167, by the present amendments Applicants are further amending claim 167 to delete dependency thereof on claim 160, and to incorporate in claim 167 the subject matter of previously considered claim 160 (which also includes the subject matter of previously considered claim 159).

Emphasizing that claim 167 was an incomplete claim with the cancelling of claims 159 and 160 in the Amendment filed December 18, 2006, it is respectfully submitted that the Amendment filed December 18, 2006 did not constitute a complete reply to the Office Action mailed October 16, 2006; and, thus, it is respectfully submitted that entry of the present Supplemental Amendment is clearly proper, notwithstanding 37 CFR 1.111(a)(2).

In any event, it is noted that the Office "may enter a supplemental reply"; and, it is respectfully submitted that entry of the present Supplemental Amendment is appropriate, as a correction of an informality, for example (note 37 CFR 1.111(a)(2)(i)(E)), in order to provide a complete claim 167.

In view of all of the foregoing, entry of the present Supplemental Amendment, and passing of the above-identified application to issue in due course, are respectfully requested.

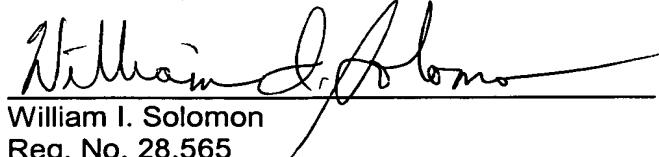
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